

Orleans Parish



“Over the years, it has become clear that individual health is closely linked to community health—the health of the community and environment in which individuals live, work, and play. Likewise, community health is profoundly affected by the collective beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors of everyone who lives in the community”

Healthy People 2010

Parish Health Profiles 2005 — Your Parish at a Glance

	Orleans	Louisiana	U.S.	HP 2010
ECONOMICS, 2000				
% All persons in poverty	27.9%	19.6%	12.4%	--
% Children under 18 in poverty	40.5%	26.6%	16.6%	--
% Unemployed 16 and over	9.5%	7.3%	5.8%	--
EDUCATION 2002-2003				
School Expenditure per Student	\$6,571	\$6,906	--	--
Student Attendance (average daily attendance as a % of the average number of students enrolled)	91.6%	93.5%	--	--
% High School Drop Outs (as a % of incoming 9th grade)	11.0%	7.0%	--	--
MOTHERS AND CHILDREN, 2002				
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 births)	13.0	10.2	7.0	4.5
% Receiving prenatal care within first 3 months	78.5%	83.8%	83.7%	90.0%
% Receiving adequate prenatal care (modified Kessner)	74.7%	78.9%	76.2%	--
% Low birth weight	13.3%	10.5%	7.7%	5.0%
% Births to teens ages 15 - 19	0.0%	15.5%	10.6%	--
% Children fully immunized by 2 years old	--	69.8%	78.5%	90.0%
INFECTIOUS DISEASES, 2003 (new cases - rate per 100,000 population)				
Syphilis (primary and secondary)	--	4.1	2.5	0.2
Early Syphilis (primary, secondary and early latent)	12.6	8.6	5.4	--
Chlamydia	959.4	469.8	304.3	3.0
Gonorrhea	591.9	265.6	116.2	19.0
Tuberculosis	14.1	5.8	5.1	1.0
STATEWIDE LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH, 2002 (death rate per 100,000 population)				
Heart	237.7	248.4	241.7	166.0
Cancer	232.0	209.7	193.2	159.9
Cerebrovascular Disease	69.4	57.4	56.4	48.0
Accidents	28.5	46.7	37.0	17.5
Diabetes	61.5	39.5	25.4	45.0
Chronic Lower Respiratory	34.4	37.8	43.3	--
COMMUNITY SAFETY, 2003				
Validated cases of child abuse/neglect (rate per 1,000 population)	12.0	10.9	12.4	10.3
Deaths caused by motor vehicle crashes (rate per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Traveled)	2.1	2.1	1.5	0.8
HEALTH BEHAVIORS, 2004				
	Region 1	Louisiana	U.S.	HP 2010
% Current cigarette smokers (adults 18+)	19.2%	23.5%	21.0%	12.0%
% Obese - BMI>30 (adults 20+)	26.9%	27.0%	31.1%	15.0%
% Having a mammogram within 2 years (women 40+)	77.0%	74.3%	74.6%	70.0%
% Having a pap smear within 3 years (women 18+)	86.0%	85.2%	85.9%	90.0%
% Having a flu shot in past year (adults 65+)	66.1%	68.6%	67.9%	90.0%

Data Sources:

Economics: U.S. Census 2000 Summary File 3 (SF 3) - Sample Data, 2000

Education: Louisiana Department of Education District-reported data submitted to the Student Information System (SIS) end-of-year (EOY) report and Profile of Educational Personnel (PEP) System. Office of Management and Finance, Division of Planning, Analysis and Information Resources. District Composite Report 2003-2004.

Mothers and Children: DHH/OPH, Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics, 2004 Louisiana Health Report Card and National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 53, No. 15, February 2005

Infectious Diseases: DHH/OPH, Sexually Transmitted Disease Program. 2004 and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "Trends in Reportable Sexually Transmitted Disease in the United States, 2003". NA= Rate not available, # of cases is less than 5

Leading Causes of Death: DHH/OPH, Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics, 2004 Louisiana Health Report Card and National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 53, No. 15, February 2005 (**Rates for counts less than 20 are unreliable and are not reported)

Community Safety: Child Abuse--Louisiana Department of Social Services, Office of Community Services, prepared by Prevent Child Abuse Louisiana and Motor Vehicle Deaths--EMS/Injury Research & Prevention Program

Healthy Behaviors: DHH/OPH, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), 2004

History^{1, 2}

New Orleans was founded in 1718 by Jean Baptists Le Moyne, sieur de Bienville, and named for the regent of France, Philippe II, Duc d'Orleans. It remained a French colony until 1763, when it was transferred to the Spanish. In 1800, Spain ceded it back to France. In 1803, New Orleans, along with the entire Louisiana Purchase, was sold by Napoleon I to the United States. It was the site of the Battle of New Orleans (1815) in the War of 1812. During the Civil War, the city was besieged by Union ships and fell on April 25, 1862.



The crescent city area encompasses New Orleans and its sprawling suburban communities. The crescent city has something for everyone including jazz, outdoor cafes, fine restaurants and museums. There are carriage tours of the French Quarter, streetcar rides in the garden district and riverfront areas, and riverboat cruises on the mighty Mississippi. The city also offers boating on Lake Pontchartrain, historic homes and courtyards, an internationally renowned zoo and aquarium, a variety of night clubs, galleries, wax and art museums, shopping and the excitement of casino gaming. Mardi Gras, the area's most famous festival, brings two weeks of parades and balls in the early spring. The carnival season is followed by the Jazz & Heritage Festival, the French Quarter Festival and many more. The Superdome holds major sporting events and is a frequent host of the Super Bowl.

Parish Seat³New Orleans

Major Cities (population over 5,000)

- New Orleans

Parish Population⁴

2000.....	484,674
2003 (estimate)	469,032
2000 Population by Race	
White.....	28.1%
African-American	67.3%
Some other race.....	4.7%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	3.1%
2000 Population by Age	
Under 5 years	6.9%
5-14	15.2%
15-17	4.5%
18-19	3.4%
20-24	8.0%
25-64	50.2%
65 & over	11.7%

Geography⁵

Average elevation	-5 to 14 ft
Land area in square miles	180.6
Water area in square miles	169.6

Climate

Average temperatures	
Annual	68°
January	60°
July	90°
Annual average rainfall	58 inches

Labor Force (2003)⁶

Orleans Parish	
Civilian.....	194,500
Employed	181,600
Unemployed.....	12,900
Unemployment Rate	
2004.....	5.1%
2003.....	6.6%
Louisiana	
Civilian.....	2,055,000
Employed	1,956,500
Unemployed.....	98,500
Unemployment Rate	4.8%

Colleges/Universities (within one hour commute)

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| ▪ Concordia U.
Wisconsin -New
Orleans Center | ▪ New Orleans Baptist
Theological Seminary | ▪ Tulane University |
| ▪ Delgado Community
College | ▪ Notre Dame Seminary
School of Theology | ▪ University of New
Orleans |
| ▪ Dillard University | ▪ Our Lady of Holy Cross
College | ▪ University of Phoenix,
Louisiana Campus |
| ▪ Louisiana State
University Medical
Center | ▪ Southern University
and A&M College at
New Orleans | ▪ Xavier University |
| ▪ Loyola University | | |

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4. U.S. Census Bureau, Summary File 1 (SF 1) and Summary File 3 (SF 3) <<http://www.census.gov>>
5. U.S. Census Bureau: State and County QuickFacts <<http://www.census.gov>>
6. Louisiana Department of Labor, Civilian Labor Force Summary <http://www.lldol.state.la.us/forms/lmi/CLF_Parishes_2000-Present.xls>